

REMARKS

Applicants have carefully considered the October 13, 2006 Office Action, and the comments that follow are presented in a bona fide effort to address all issues raised in that Action and thereby place this case in immediate condition for allowance. Hence, prompt favorable reconsideration of this case is solicited.

Claims 1-12 were provisionally rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1-10 and 16-19 of copending U.S. Application No. 11/094,510 (hereinafter the '510 Application). Applicants respectfully traverse the rejection.

Applicants submit herewith a Terminal Disclaimer with respect to the '510 Application, thereby overcoming the imposed rejection on the ground of obviousness-type double patenting. Applicants, therefore, respectfully solicit withdrawal of the imposed rejection of claims 1-12.

To the extent necessary, a petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 is hereby made. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account 500417 and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

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